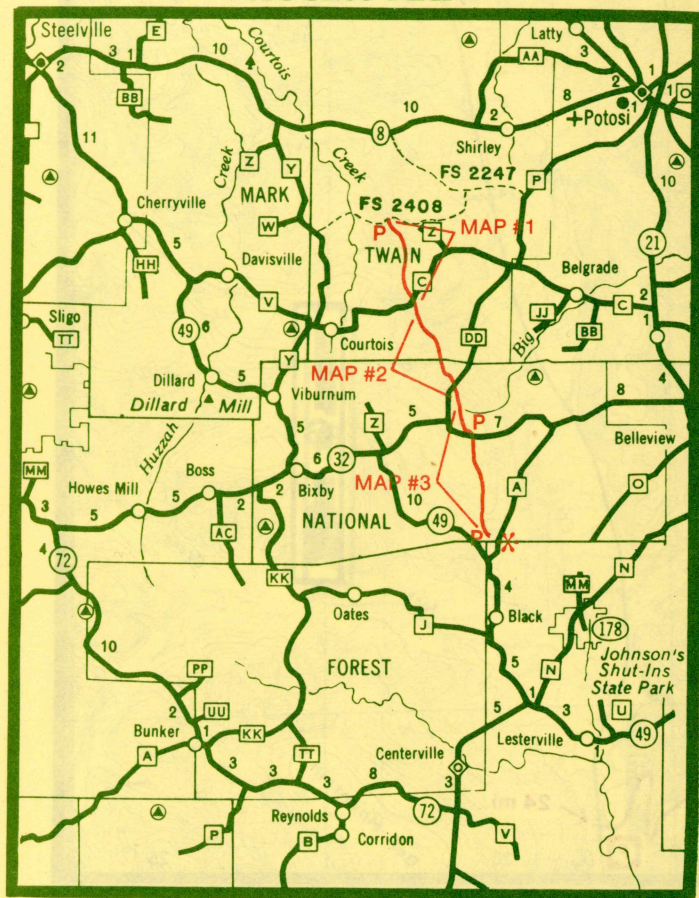
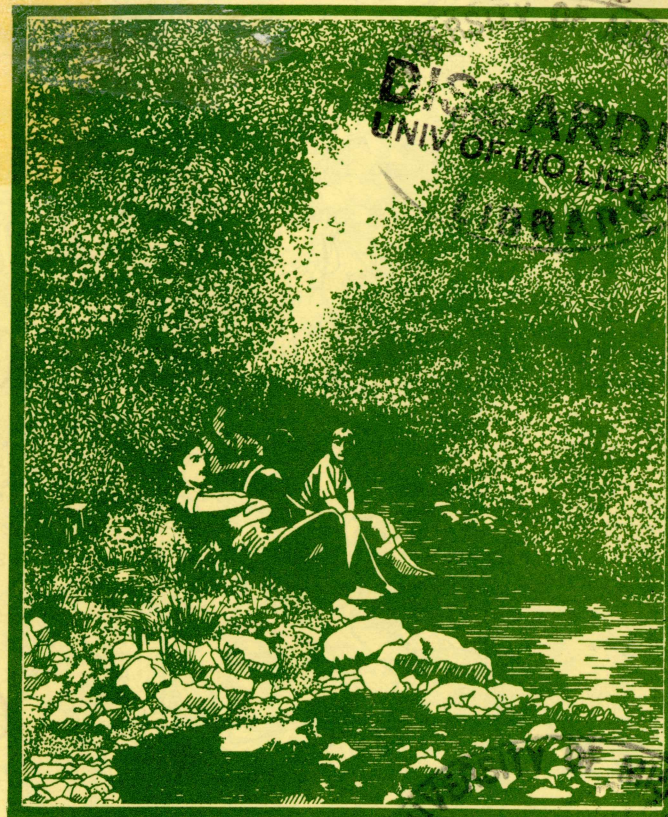


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\* NORTHERN TERMINUS OF THE TAUM SAUK SECTION



## THE OZARK TRAIL Trace Creek Section



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The Trace Creek Section of the Ozark Trail is located in Iron and Washington counties in southeastern Missouri. The entire section is in the Mark Twain National Forest, which is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Trace Creek Section of the Ozark Trail is approximately 24 miles long and is open to both **foot and equestrian traffic**. It includes a portion of the old Trace Creek Trail constructed in 1968 and a new five-mile segment constructed in 1983. Its inclusion in the Ozark Trail System adds a trail of beauty already known to many outdoor enthusiasts. Limited parking is available at Hazel Creek Campground and Highway A where the Trace Creek Section links with the Taum Sauk Section. The nearest improved campsites are located at Hazel Creek Campground and Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park.


The trail's northern entry point is located at Hazel Creek Campground. From that point, it proceeds south following a continually changing landscape that leads users through dense oak, hickory, and pine forests, into shaded hollows, and across windswept ridgetops. It crosses several small tributaries and Hazel Creek, which is a major permanently flowing creek. It also crosses several state highways including C, DD, and 32 before ending at Highway A. Trail users should exercise caution at these streams and highway crossings.

The Ozark Trail provides a recreational opportunity that can be enjoyed by individuals or families. It can be used for long-distance backpacking, half-hour strolls, day hikes, and weekend trips. It combines clear Ozark streams, dry granite barrens, panoramic mountaintop views, and deep forests that filter the summer sun. The Ozark Trail represents the quest of those who backpack not to go the fastest or the furthest, but to share the experiences of the first who crossed the land.

These are steps you should take to ensure your safety and to preserve the Ozark Trail for those who follow:

- Camp at least 100 feet from the trail, water, and scenic areas. Leave your campsite so no one will know you were there.
- Treat all water used for drinking or cooking.

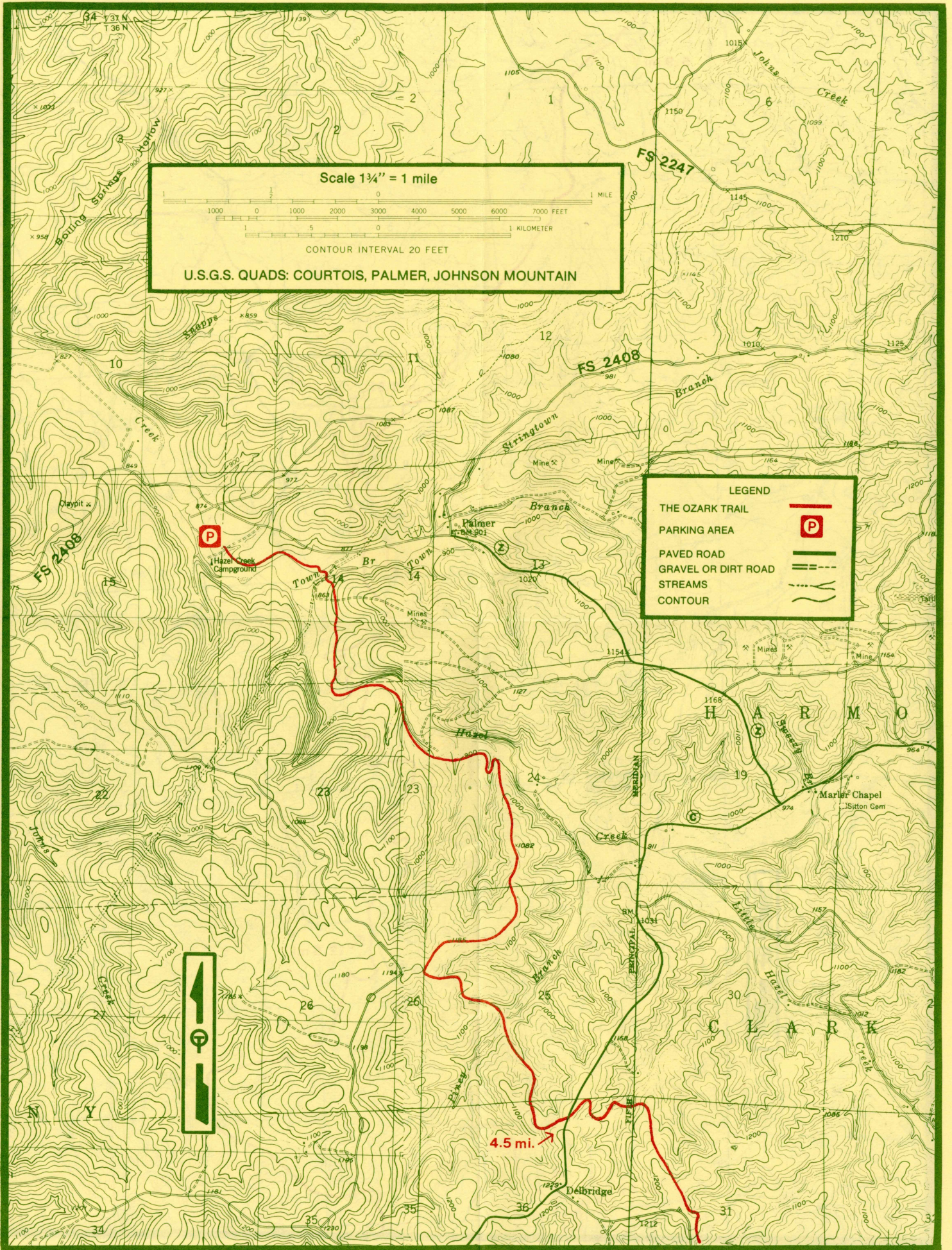
- Use a backpacking stove for cooking and build a fire only if absolutely necessary. Do not build fires on edges of bluffs, on glades, or in caves. If a fire is necessary, clear the area of combustible material. Use only small material that can be broken by hand to burn, make sure you drown the fire before leaving, and scatter or bury the ashes. Do not encircle the fire with rocks.
- Bury all human waste at least 100 feet from the trail, streams, or water impoundments. Pack out everything else you packed in.
- Use caution when crossing streams. At times during high water and floods, stream crossings are impossible to negotiate.
- Enjoy plants in their natural setting. Do not collect plants.
- Be considerate of others; respect the rights of private landowners and remember that solitude is also a resource to be protected.

The official Ozark Trail marker is a green  on a white rectangle. Two tilted markers placed one above the other warn of an abrupt turn in the trail in the direction of the tilt. A white 4" x 6" diamond-shaped plastic marker or painted blaze is also used to identify the route. In addition, supplemental markers may be used by each agency or landowner. Be alert, and always carry a map or compass.

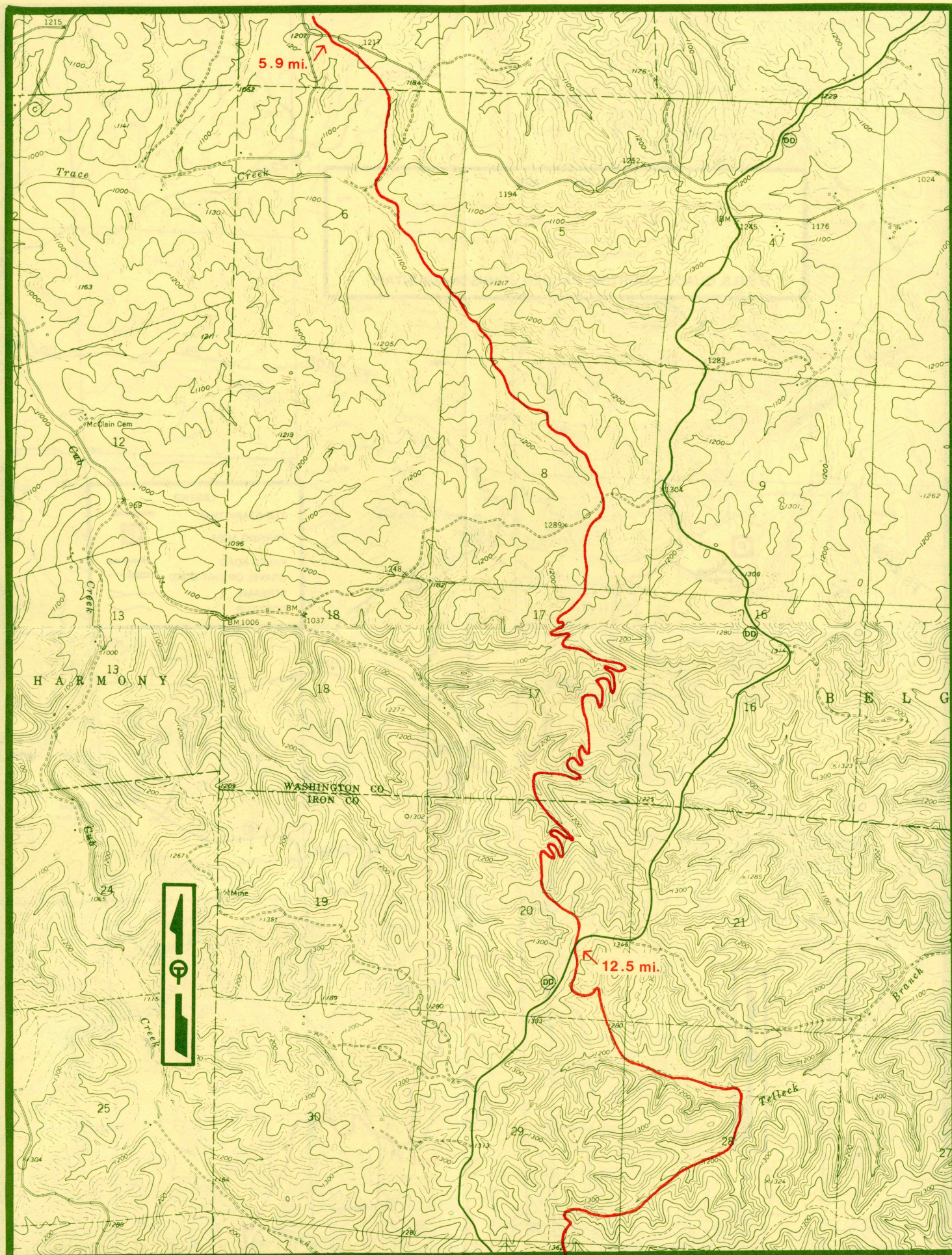
The development of the Ozark Trail is an ambitious project that has been undertaken by the members of the Ozark Trail Council, which includes state and federal land-managing agencies, trail user groups, and landowners. The trail is envisioned someday to extend from St. Louis through the scenic Ozarks to the Arkansas border where it will connect with the Arkansas Ozark Trail and proceed west to the Arkansas-Oklahoma border. If you would like to learn more about the Ozark Trail or if you have comments concerning the trail, write the Ozark Trail Coordinator, c/o Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Historic Preservation, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 (Phone 314-751-2479).

The Ozark Trail Council has officially adopted the Trace Creek Section as a component of the Ozark Trail and has approved the information contained in this brochure.

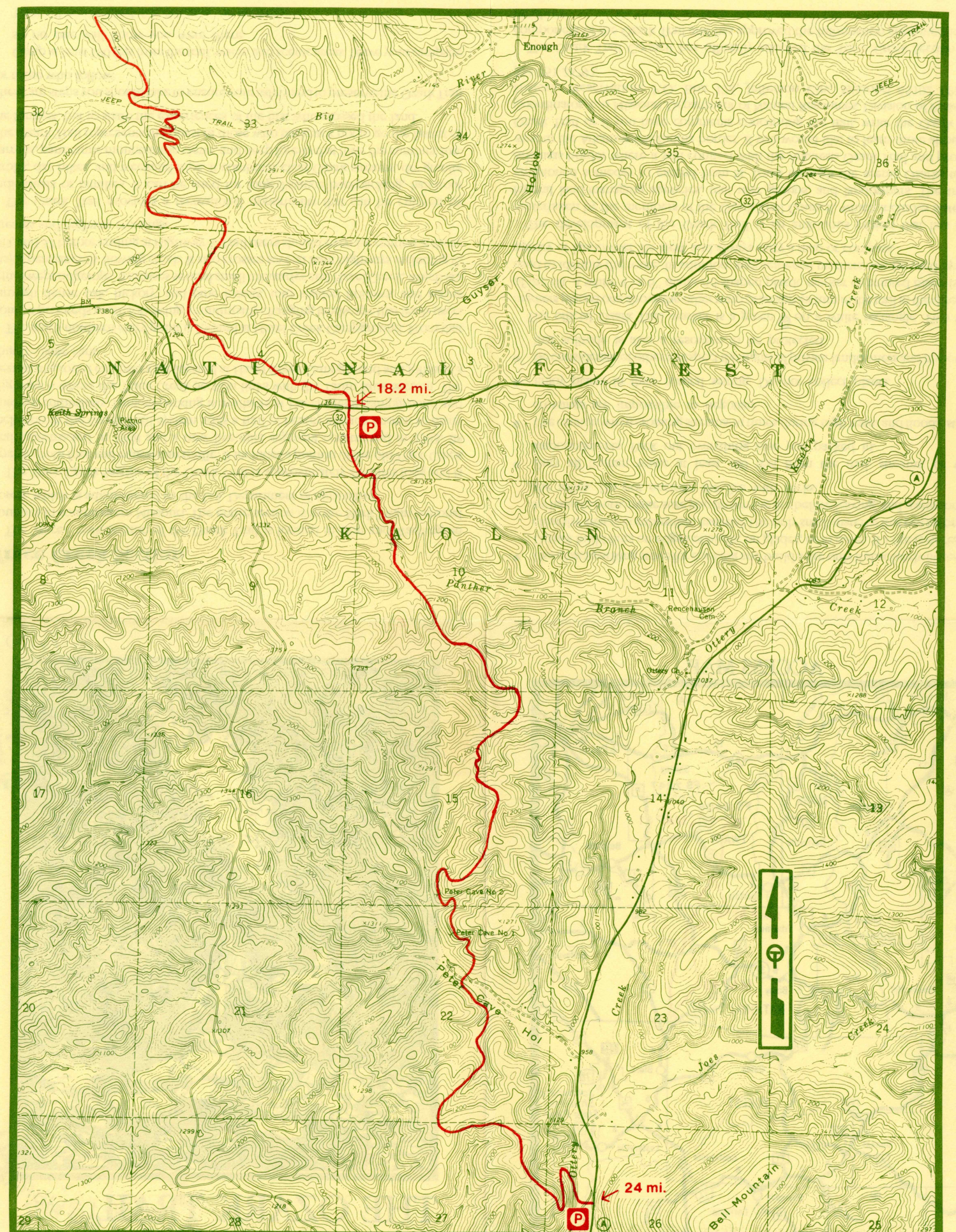








MAP #2



MAP #3